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1. Entrance to Kaliningrad and the surrounding area is permitted only to those able to display special entrance permits or evidence of orders. Those traveling by train are checked immediately after crossing the Lithuanian border. As a rule, only identification papers are checked. Occasionally, passports and other documents are also checked.

2. The countryside around Kaliningrad is in some areas completely deserted. The earth is cultivated in some sections, but large areas of land are unused.

3. In Kaliningrad itself, most of the area damaged during the war has not been rebuilt. In some sections new buildings have been erected, principally for military purposes, but these are few compared with the number of buildings in ruins. The only public transportation within the city is the streetcar line, which is run entirely by women.

4. The Schichau shipyard is virtually deserted. Alongside the pier nearby are two mine sweepers, covered up. There are several wrecks in the harbor, but no one seems interested in removing them. Activity in the harbor is on a small scale; the shipping of coal and wood was the only activity observed. There were no naval vessels in the harbor except for the aforementioned mine sweepers. However, nine torpedo boats or mine sweepers were observed under way in the large channel to the sea. The merchant ships most frequently observed in the harbor are German-built trawlers, delivered from East Germany as reparations. These are outfitted in Kaliningrad and picked up there by representatives of fishing organizations to which they are to be allotted. Twenty-eight of these vessels have been earmarked for the Far East.

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5. The largest industry in Kaliningrad appears to be the railway workshops. about 50 newly-built flat cars were standing on a side track in the neighborhood of the shop. A large percentage of the jobs in this plant was held by women. 25X1

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6. [redacted] 25X1 in the Baltic [redacted] a significant number of naval vessels was stationed there. However, it was not possible to obtain further details. 25X1

7. A large power plant, with transformers and high-tension wires, was observed not far from the mouth of the Pregel on the Frisches Haff. A large supply of coal was stored adjacent to the plant.

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